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DISTRICT 4 and KOYUKUK RIVER SUBSISTENCE FISHING SCHEDULE

Subsistence fishing for all species is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day, until the subsistence salmon fishing schedule for each area goes into effect. The subsistence salmon fishing schedule is the same for both the state and federal managed waters.

The subsistence salmon fishing schedule for **District 4**, which includes the mainstem Yukon River villages of Anvik, Grayling, Kaltag, Nulato, Koyukuk, Galena and Ruby, will begin on Wednesday, June 11th and consists of two 48-hour periods each week from 6:00 PM Wednesday until 6:00 PM Friday and from 6:00 PM Sunday until 6:00 PM Tuesday. In addition, by regulation, fishermen in Subdistrict 4-A (from $\frac{3}{4}$ miles downstream of Old Paradise Village upstream to Cone Point) may use drift gillnets from June 10 through July 14 to harvest salmon during the two 48-hour weekly subsistence salmon periods.

Subsistence salmon fishing for the **Koyukuk River** is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

All subsistence fishing for salmon must be stopped during subsistence salmon fishing closures. Subsistence fishing for non-salmon species, such as whitefish, sheefish, and pike, is open 7 days per week throughout the drainage. Gillnets used for harvesting non-salmon species during salmon fishing closures in District 4, excluding the Koyukuk River are restricted to a maximum length of 60 feet and a maximum mesh size of 4-inches. Additionally, during closed subsistence salmon fishing periods, fish wheels may not be used to fish for whitefish and other non-salmon species.

Fishermen are reminded that they should consult both State of Alaska fishing regulations and the Federal Subsistence Management regulations for Federal waters subject to ANILCA Title VIII

before fishing in the Yukon Area. For further information regarding federal regulations please call 1-800-478-1456.

For recorded fishery announcements and updates call 949-1731, 24 hours a day. For a recording of the current fishing schedule for your area call 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at 949-1320 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office at 949-1798.

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